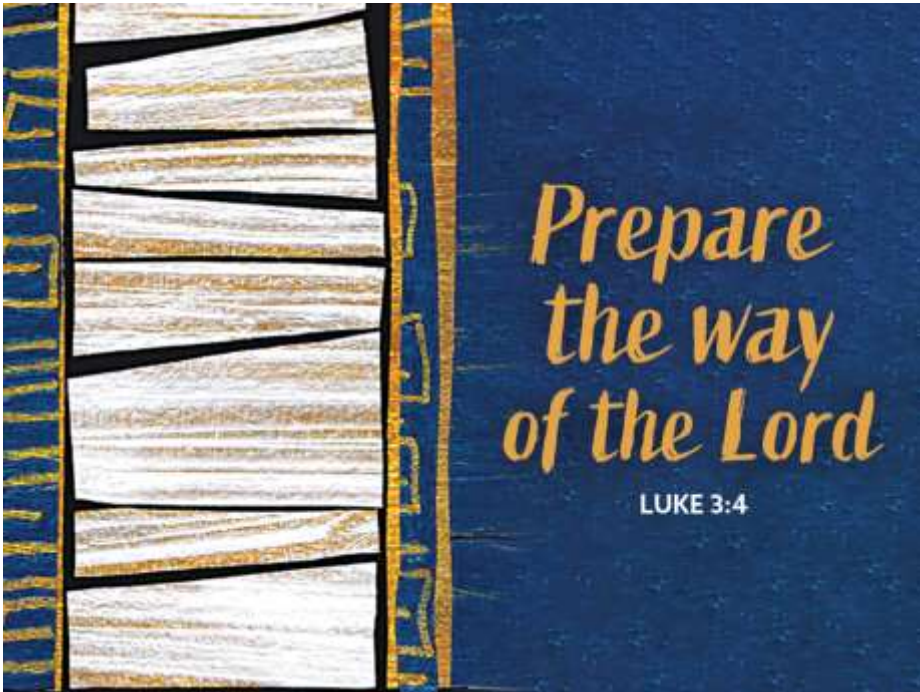


Second Sunday of Advent



December 8, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

ADVENT HYMN

“We Light the Advent Candles”

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Verse 1: *We light the Advent candles
against the winter night
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light;
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light.*

Verse 3: *We light the second candle,
and hear God's holy word.
It tells us, cling to Jesus,
prepare to meet your Lord.
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prepare to meet your Lord.*

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INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. We also prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1 & 5) ELW #257

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C **Holy and loving God,**
we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments
and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride,
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
that we might find our way to you again.
Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom.
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Luke 1:5-25

HYMN "Blessed Be the God of Israel" ELW #250
(Alt. tune: ELW #282)

THIRD READING: Luke 1:57-66

HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #249

PSALM: Luke 1:67-79

L ⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke this prophecy:

C ⁶⁸ **"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.**

L ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

C ⁷⁰ **as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,**

L ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

C ⁷² **Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,**

L ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

C ⁷⁴ **that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,**

L ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

C ⁷⁶ **And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,**

L ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

C ⁷⁸ **By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

L ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-18

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264

APOSTLES’ CREED

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C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

**C God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW #276

“Away in a Manger”

ELW #277

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW #279

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

ELW #282

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.**

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, † bless and keep you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Hark, the Glad Sound!” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #239

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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